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Applicant: Fetterolf et al.)
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For: LOCOMOTIVE DRAFT GEAR)
ASSEMBLY AND YOKE)

Group Art Unit: 3617

Examiner: McCarry, Robert J.

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of September 28, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

In the specification:

Please amend the complete paragraph lines 52-56 of Page 3 as follows:

There is an on going review of the weight of freight car and locomotive components in an effort to maintain strength and performance, while lessening the weight of such components. One known yoke for use in a locomotive draft gear assembly is made of cast steel and weighs about 510 pounds. This shown known yoke is made of Grade B Steel.

Please amend the paragraph at lines 95-96 at Page 5 as follows.

Back wall 16 is shown as having an inner concave surface 17 adapted to abut against the complementary convex surface of the rear follower. Back wall 16 includes two indented sections 40 and 42 of reduced thickness for weight savings. Sections 40 and 42 extend from near top strap 12 to near bottom strap 14.